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- Between the summer of 1947 and April 1948 a camp of about 300 wooden barracks, each 20 meters long, was constructed in the woods south of the Tilsit (55°04'N/21°40'E)-Heinrichswalde (55°02'N/21°40'E) road. The troops who moved into the camp while it was still under construction belonged to components of the 28th Tank Div which took part in the battle for Berlin in 1945. The division's home station was Tilsit. The units which moved into the camp had come from three barracks installations near the Tilsit railroad station. The artillery regiment of the division was stationed in Heinrichswalde.
- About 30 to 35 T-34 tanks and 12 rocket launchers with rails arranged in tiers of four and eight were observed in the camp area. The motorized infantry units were primarily equipped with Studebaker and Ford trucks.
- Between a white-plastered barracks installation in the sector of Insterburg (54°36'N/39°25'E) which was located north of the Angerapp River. The installations, which were on the northern side of the road to Gumbinnen (54°35'N/39°50'E), were surrounded by an iron fence. Each installation consisted of three four-story barracks, about 50x12 meters, and three three-story administration buildings, about 20x10 meters. A small ammunition dump was opposite the eastern billeting area. A large building housing the headquarters of a general was about 600 meters northeast of the billeting area near the railroad line to Tilsit. Heavy truck traffic was observed at this building.
- The two barracks installations north of the Angerapp River were occupied by a tank unit and a motorized infantry unit. Units with 16 to 18 T-34 tanks and two unknown tanks mounting a short-barreled gun without muzzle brake, were repeatedly observed leaving the billeting area. The equipment of the infantry unit included light and heavy mortars. The total troops in the two barracks installations were estimated at 2,000. **

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5. Field exercises conducted near Sprindt involved tank units cooperating with infantry units and a motorized 76-mm artillery unit.
6. In April 1949 a motorized unit repeatedly went past the central PW camp in Georgenburg, 2 km north of Insterburg, and moved to the large woods northwest of the camp. From the woods detonations, apparently of 70 to 100-mm shells, were subsequently heard.

* [] Comment. A 28th Tank Div is not known. As early as October 1942 the wartime XXVIII Tank Corps was reorganized into the IV Heerz Corps, which is now believed to be the 4th Heerz Div. There are no clues as to an 18th Arty Regt of a tank corps or tank division.

* [] Comment. The 16th Gds (Mtz?) Rifle Div and the 30th Gds Heerz Div are stationed in the Insterburg area.

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